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Examiner: Joseph R. Kosack  
Group Art Unit: 1626  
Applicants: Luc J. Farmer  
For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES, PARTICULARLY HCV NS3-NS4A PROTEASE

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's October 3, 2006 Final Action finally rejecting claims in the above-identified application. The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$500.00 for filing this appeal to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. Applicants are concurrently filing a petition for a three-month extension of time. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before April 3, 2007.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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